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1. GENERALLY HEAVY NEWS PLAY BUT LIGHT EDIT COMMENT CHARACTERIZES SWEDISH COVERAGE OF LONDON SUMMIT. CARTER PERFORMANCE PRAISED, BUT LITTLE PROGRESS FROM MEETING SEEN.

2. LIBERAL INDEPENDENT DAGENS NYHETER EDIT MAY 9: "...IT HAS BEEN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND AN EXAMPLE THAT THE (PREVIOUS) MEETINGS HAVE INFLUENCED THE POLICY WHICH IS ACTUALLY PRACTICED.... IF THAT (COMMUNIQUE) TEXT IS CORRECT, THE LONDON MEETING WAS THE SAME AS ITS PRECURSORS: A GRANDIOSE MANIFESTATION WITHOUT CONCRETE CONTENTS." FYI, IN CONTRAST WITH MANY OTHER MAJOR PAPERS, DN HAS NOT COVERED MEETING WITH CORR UNTIL LAST DAY.

3. SVENSKA DGABLADET'S LONDON SUMMIT CORR GIVES CARTER HIGH MARKS IN LEAD MAY 9: "PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPE WHICH PLAYS SO LARGE A ROLE IN HIS RE-ORIENTATION OF AMERICA BECAME MORE POSITIVE THAN MANY EXPECTED AND AT LEAST PROVIDED A RESULT...WHICH CAN BE OF ENDURING WORTH."
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(REFERRING TO HIS PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER LEADERS.)

4. SVENSKA DAGBLADET'S ECONOMIC WRITER, IN LEAD TO ANALYTICAL STORY FROM LONDON: "THERE IS NO LACK OF GOOD INTENTIONS IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE FROM THE SUMMIT IN LONDON. EMPLOYMENT WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND INFLATION DAMPENED. WORLD TRADE FREEDOM WILL BE FOSTERED AND

DEVELOPING LANDS HELPED. BUT THE PROMISES ARE MOSTLY RATHER VAGUE, AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND ANYTHING WHICH THE TONE-SETTING PARTICIPANTS HAVE NOT SAID SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE."

5. SWEDISH BROADCASTING CORP. CORRESPONDENT BO JARBORG IN LONDON ON MORNING RADIO NEWS COMMENTARY "EKO": "THE SUMMIT MEETING IN LONDON MUST AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT BE REGARDED A SUCCESS. THAT IMPRESSION IS PRIMARILY DUE TO PRESIDENT CARTER. HIS FIRST TRIP TO EUROPE AS PRESIDENT HAS OBVIOUSLY CAUSED A TOTAL REASSESSMENT OF HIS POLITICAL PERSONALITY. HE HAS CONQUERED THE TOP POSITION IN THE WESTERN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL LEAGUE WHICH FOR LONG HAS BEEN ALMOST VACANT."
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